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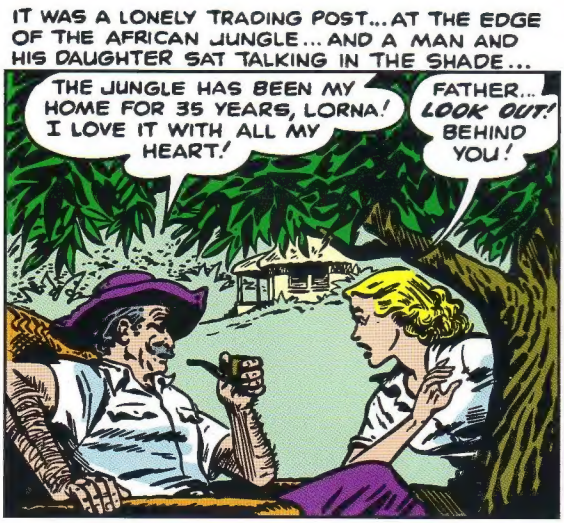
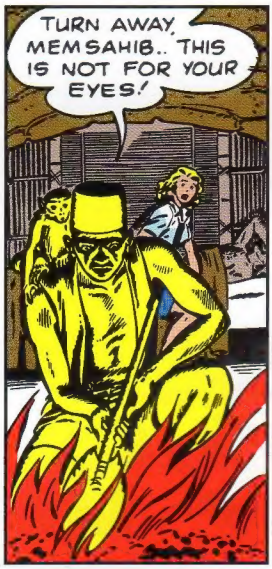
"TERRORS OF THE JUNGLE!"

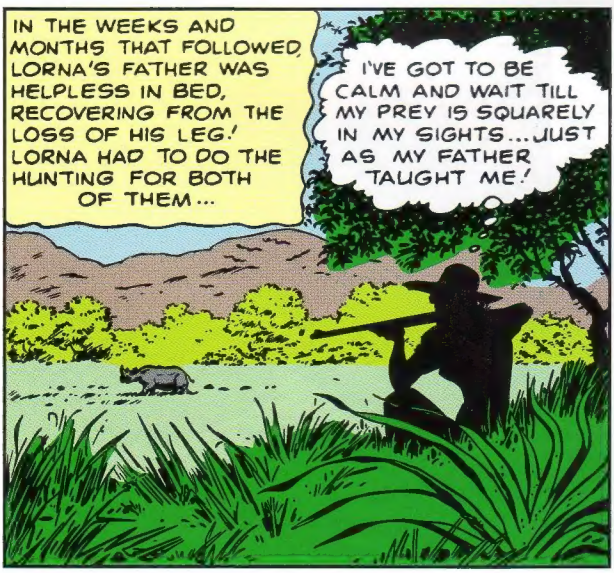
LORNA THE JUNGLE QUEEN

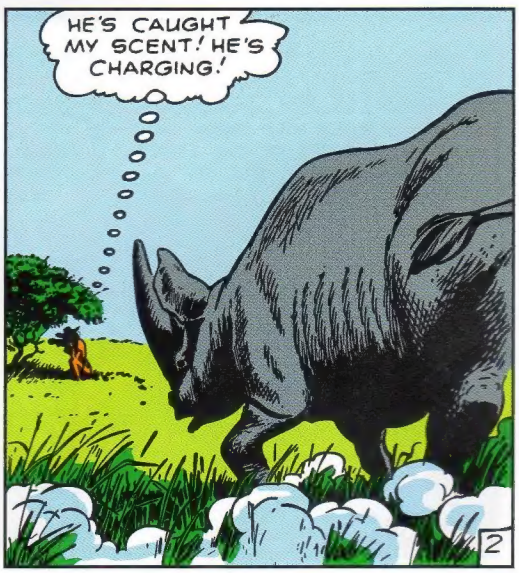

IT WAS A LONELY TRADING POST... AT THE EDGE OF THE AFRICAN JUNGLE... AND A MAN AND HIS DAUGHTER SAT TALKING IN THE SHADE...
THE JUNGLE HAS BEEN MY HOME FOR 35 YEARS, LORNA! I LOVE IT WITH ALL MY HEART!
FATHER... LOOK OUT! BEHIND YOU!

BUT THE ONLY WHITE DOCTOR IN THE VILLAGE WAS AWAY ON A CALL... SO LORNA TURNED TO THE ONE OTHER PERSON WHO COULD HELP... M'TUBA... THE GUIDE...



IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, LORNA'S FATHER WAS HELPLESS IN BED, RECOVERING FROM THE LOSS OF HIS LEG! LORNA HAD TO DO THE HUNTING FOR BOTH OF THEM...





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THE GUN! IT'S JAMMED!
CLICK
LIKE A THUNDERING JUGGERNAUT, THE MADDENED RHINO CHARGED AS THE TERRIFIED GIRL STOOD SQUARELY IN ITS PATH...
AND THEN, WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT, LORNA DROPPED FLAT TO THE GROUND...JUST AT THE LAST SPLIT-SECOND...
HE...HE'S RACING OVER ME!
THE GREAT DULL-WITTED BEAST KNEW IT HAD MISSED ITS PREY...AND AFTER SLOWING ITSELF DOWN, IT TURNED PONDEROUSLY, BUT LORNA WAS GIVING IT NO SECOND CHANCE...
I'VE GOT TO REACH THOSE TREES!
LIKE A NIMBLE CHIMPANZEE, THE JUNGLE GIRL SCAMPERED UP TO THE TOP OF THE NEAREST TREE... WITH BRIEF SECONDS TO SPARE.
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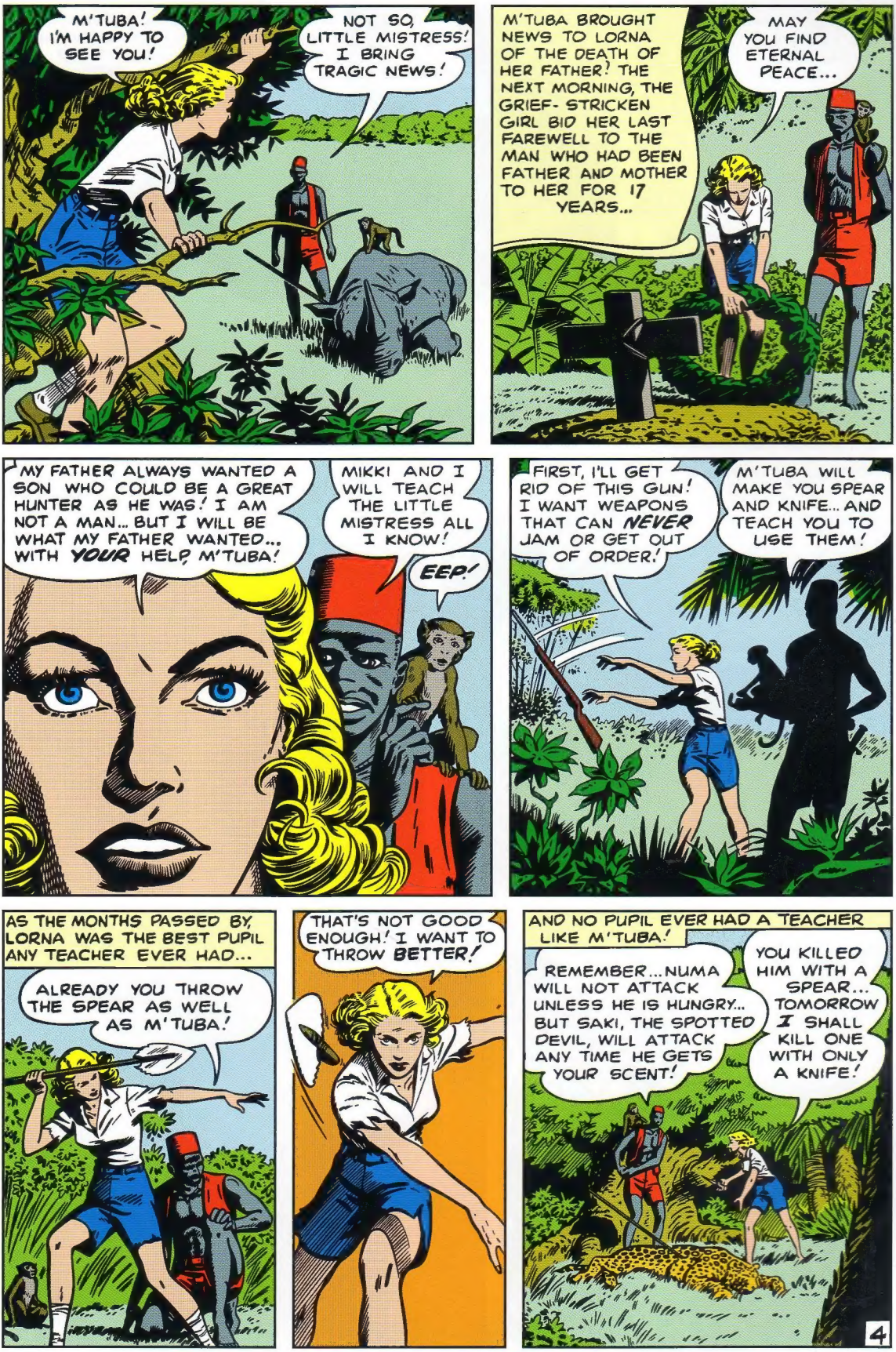
M'TUBA! I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
NOT SO, LITTLE MISTRESS! I BRING TRAGIC NEWS!
M'TUBA BROUGHT NEWS TO LORNA OF THE DEATH OF HER FATHER! THE NEXT MORNING, THE GRIEF-STRICKEN GIRL BID HER LAST FAREWELL TO THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN FATHER AND MOTHER TO HER FOR 17 YEARS...
MAY YOU FIND ETERNAL PEACE...
MY FATHER ALWAYS WANTED A SON WHO COULD BE A GREAT HUNTER AS HE WAS! I AM NOT A MAN... BUT I WILL BE WHAT MY FATHER WANTED... WITH YOUR HELP, M'TUBA!
MIKKI AND I WILL TEACH THE LITTLE MISTRESS ALL I KNOW!
EEP!
FIRST, I'LL GET RID OF THIS GUN! I WANT WEAPONS THAT CAN NEVER JAM OR GET OUT OF ORDER!
M'TUBA WILL MAKE YOU SPEAR AND KNIFE... AND TEACH YOU TO USE THEM!
AS THE MONTHS PASSED BY, LORNA WAS THE BEST PUPIL ANY TEACHER EVER HAD...
ALREADY YOU THROW THE SPEAR AS WELL AS M'TUBA!
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH! I WANT TO THROW BETTER!
AND NO PUPIL EVER HAD A TEACHER LIKE M'TUBA!
REMEMBER... NUMA WILL NOT ATTACK UNLESS HE IS HUNGRY... BUT SAKI, THE SPOTTED DEVIL, WILL ATTACK ANY TIME HE GETS YOUR SCENT!
YOU KILLED HIM WITH A SPEAR... TOMORROW I SHALL KILL ONE WITH ONLY A KNIFE!
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AND LORNA WAS TRUE TO HER WORD! THE NEXT DAY...
SSSSSTT
LOOK, M'TUBA! ABOVE ME! IT'S SAKI!
RRRRRR
WHIZZZZ
THUD
FINALLY, THE DAY CAME WHEN M'TUBA QUIETLY SAID TO LORNA...
LITTLE MISTRESS... THERE IS NO MORE I CAN TEACH YOU! ALREADY YOU ARE MY MASTER AT SPEARS, KNIVES, TRACKING AND HUNTING! IT IS YOU WHO SHOULD TEACH ME!
I'VE WAITED MANY MONTHS TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, M'TUBA!
BUT SUDDENLY, THE AIR WAS RENT WITH SAVAGE CRIES... AND IN AN INSTANT LORNA AND M'TUBA WERE SURROUNDED BY... THE WAFISI...
THE HUNTERS OF HEADS!
EEP!
FOLLOW... OR DIE!
AFTER MANY HOURS OF TEARING THRU THE TREACHEROUS JUNGLE... THE WAFISI AND THEIR CAPTIVES REACHED THEIR VILLAGE...
M'TUBA... LOOK AT THE HEADS ON THOSE STAKES!
COURAGE, LITTLE PRINCESS!
YOU... STOP!
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THEY'RE DOING THE SACRIFICIAL DANCE AROUND US!
WE ARE TO BE NEXT VICTIMS!
EEP!
MIKKI... MY KNIFE... IN MY SHEATH... QUICK!
EEP!
HE'S GIVING IT TO ME!
USE IT QUICKLY! OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT!
THE WHITE GIRL IS FREE!
BEHOLD! MY MAGIC IS GREATER THAN YOURS! IT CAN SEVER ANY BOND!
NO MAGIC IS GREATER THAN THAT OF MINE! I WILL KILL YOU WHERE YOU STAND!
YOUR WORDS ARE THE WORDS OF THE HYENA... AND YOUR HAND SHAKES LIKE AN OLD WOMAN'S!
THIS WILL STILL YOUR TONGUE!
OHHH!
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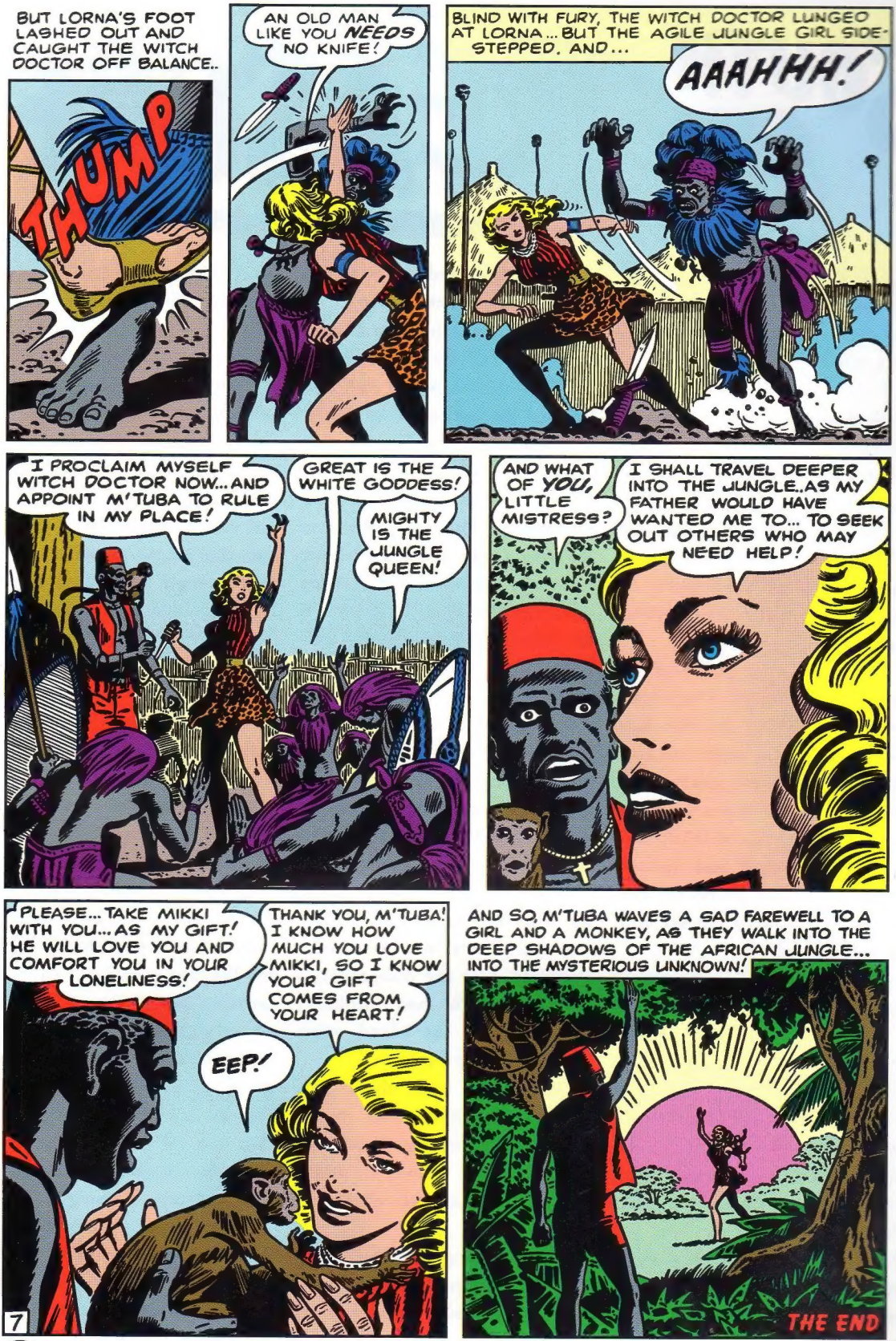
BUT LORNA'S FOOT LASHED OUT AND CAUGHT THE WITCH DOCTOR OFF BALANCE..
THUMP
AN OLD MAN LIKE YOU NEEDS NO KNIFE!
BLIND WITH FURY, THE WITCH DOCTOR LUNGED AT LORNA... BUT THE AGILE JUNGLE GIRL SIDE-STEPPED, AND...
AAAHHH!
I PROCLAIM MYSELF WITCH DOCTOR NOW... AND APPOINT M'TUBA TO RULE IN MY PLACE!
GREAT IS THE WHITE GODDESS!
MIGHTY IS THE JUNGLE QUEEN!
AND WHAT OF YOU, LITTLE MISTRESS?
I SHALL TRAVEL DEEPER INTO THE JUNGLE..AS MY FATHER WOULD HAVE WANTED ME TO... TO SEEK OUT OTHERS WHO MAY NEED HELP!
PLEASE... TAKE MIKKI WITH YOU... AS MY GIFT! HE WILL LOVE YOU AND COMFORT YOU IN YOUR LONELINESS!
THANK YOU, M'TUBA! I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE MIKKI, SO I KNOW YOUR GIFT COMES FROM YOUR HEART!
EEP!
AND SO, M'TUBA WAVES A SAD FAREWELL TO A GIRL AND A MONKEY, AS THEY WALK INTO THE DEEP SHADOWS OF THE AFRICAN JUNGLE... INTO THE MYSTERIOUS UNKNOWN!
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SOUTH SEA TREASURE

SUE PEABODY looked at her father inquiringly. "Did you say these pearls are worth close to a *million* dollars, dad?"

John Peabody s m i l e d and walked across the tiny cabin to rumple her hair. "That's exactly what I did say, Sue. Close to a million. Enough to make every criminal in these South Seas willing to commit murder, if necessary, to get their hands on that little pouch you're holding right now."

The tall young girl held the little bag up in awe. There were two dozen pearls in that bag, two dozen of the largst and most perfectly matched pearls that had been found in years Countless divers had risked sharks and octopii, drowning and suffocation, to get those pearls for Peabody and the large jewelry firm he represented.

"But a million dollars worth!" Sue repeated.

Her father chuckled. "Does that sound like a lot of money? Just remember, young lady, that it's been pearls and nothing but pearls which have made my living for me the last fifteen years, ever since your mother died. Pearls have not only sent you through the best finishing school in the States and put the most expensive clothes on your back, but they've paid your fare out here to my islands so that you could see your dad at work."

The girl took his arm as they started out of the cabin and toward the strand where they had beached the fast company motorboat upon arriving at the tiny tropical island.

"It's been thrilling, dad, really thrilling! The best part's been the trip from island to island, especially the small and deserted ones like this. And to think I'll be able to say I once held a million dollars worth of pearls in my hand!"

"Well, you'll also be able to— What's that?" Peabody stiffened and pulled Sue behind him. He drew an enormous automatic rapidly from a worn leather holster.

Over his shoulder, Sue could see what had caused his sudden concern. There was a sailboat anchored near the motorboat, a sailboat which had probably slipped up to the island while they were in the cabin.

And there were three men climbing down the side of the vessel! Each of the three was unshaven and soiled; each was carrying a weapon; each had seen them!

"It's the Blagger gang!" Peabody whispered hoarsely. "The m o s t fiendish, unscrupulous gang of cutthroats in the South Seas! They must have heard I had the pearls with me and figured out my route. And there's no one on this island but us!"

"What are we going to do?" Sue asked.

Her father pushed the pouch into her hand. "Take these and start running for the interior of the island. Once you get deep into the jungle growths, they'll have a hard time finding you. I'll hold them off as long as I can. If we don't get back tonight, the company will send an investigating party out after us. So all you have to do, Sue, is somehow stay h i d d e n until dawn. You can do it, girl!"

"But dad," she w a i l e d. "They'll kill you!"

"Not if I can help it!" be told her grimly. "I used to be a pretty fair shot. Besides, Sue darling, it's our only chance! Once the Blagger gang get their hands on these pearls, they'd kill both of us anyway. This way, if I cover your escape, *you* might get away. And there's a chance for you as I said if only you can stay out of their reach until morning. Now stop arguing, girl, and start running!"

With tears almost blinding her eyes, Sue Peabody started for the heavy growths which sprouted round the tall trees some fifty yards away. Behind

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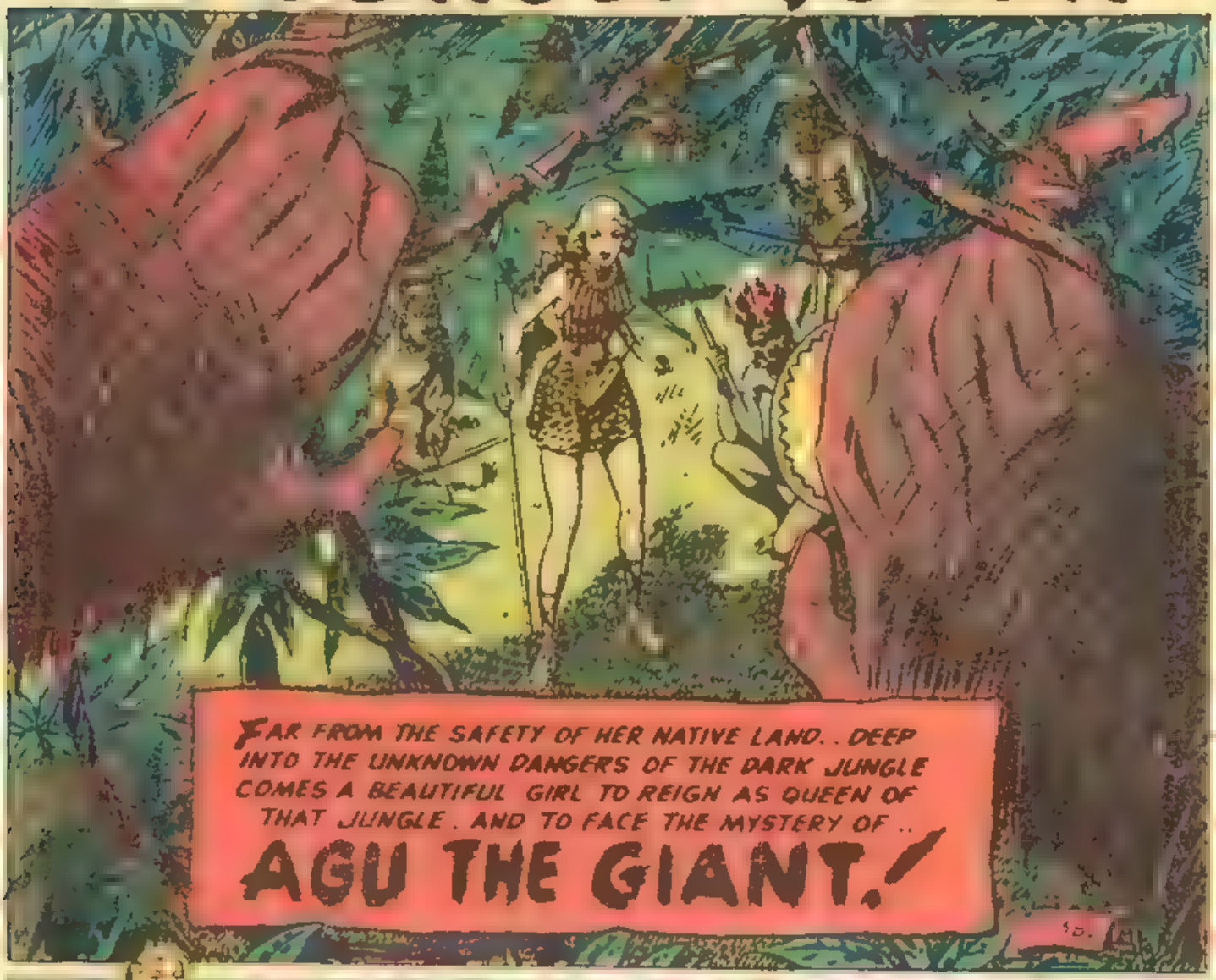
FAR FROM THE SAFETY OF HER NATIVE LAND.. DEEP INTO THE UNKNOWN DANGERS OF THE DARK JUNGLE COMES A BEAUTIFUL GIRL TO REIGN AS QUEEN OF THAT JUNGLE. AND TO FACE THE MYSTERY OF ..
AGU THE GIANT.!

STOP ACTING LIKE A BABY THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR UP HERE
THAT'S A GOOD MONKEY MKK SOON WE'LL HAVE A COZY LITTLE TREE-HUT AND WE'LL GET SOME SLEEP IF YOU STOP CHATTERING
CHEEEH?
THERE IT IS DONE M'TUBA WAS A GOOD TEACHER WHAT ON EARTH'S THE MATTER MKK?
CHEEE!
CHEEEEE CHEEEE CHEEEE
MKK I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LIKE THIS WHAT'S WRONG?
CHEEE! CHEEE!
SOMETHING UP THERE? WHAT IS IT?
IT'S IT'S
IT'S AGU THE GIANT!
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FOR A LONG, TENSE MOMENT, NOTHING MOVED! AGU, EYES BLAZING, LOOKED DOWN ON THE FAIR INVADER OF HIS DOMAIN! THE JUNGLE GIRL STOOD POISED, WONDERING WHERE TO THROW HER SPEAR! ...EVEN MIKKI WAS SHOCKED INTO SILENCE!
NOTHING MOVED...EXCEPT SERPO THE COBRA...
CLOSER AND CLOSER HE CAME IN SILENCE, SLITHERING TOWARD HIS VICTIM.. AND THEN ...HE LEAPED!
SERPO!
CHEEEN!
RARARAGH!
AND THEN BEGAN THE WEIRDEST, STRANGEST BATTLE THE JUNGLE HAD EVER WITNESSED! GIANT GORILLA VERSUS MONSTER COBRA!
AUGH! AAAUUUGGH-H! AUGH!
MIKKI! LOOK! HE'S...HE'S LEAVING. HE SAVED OUR LIVES..AND NOW HE'S GOING AWAY!
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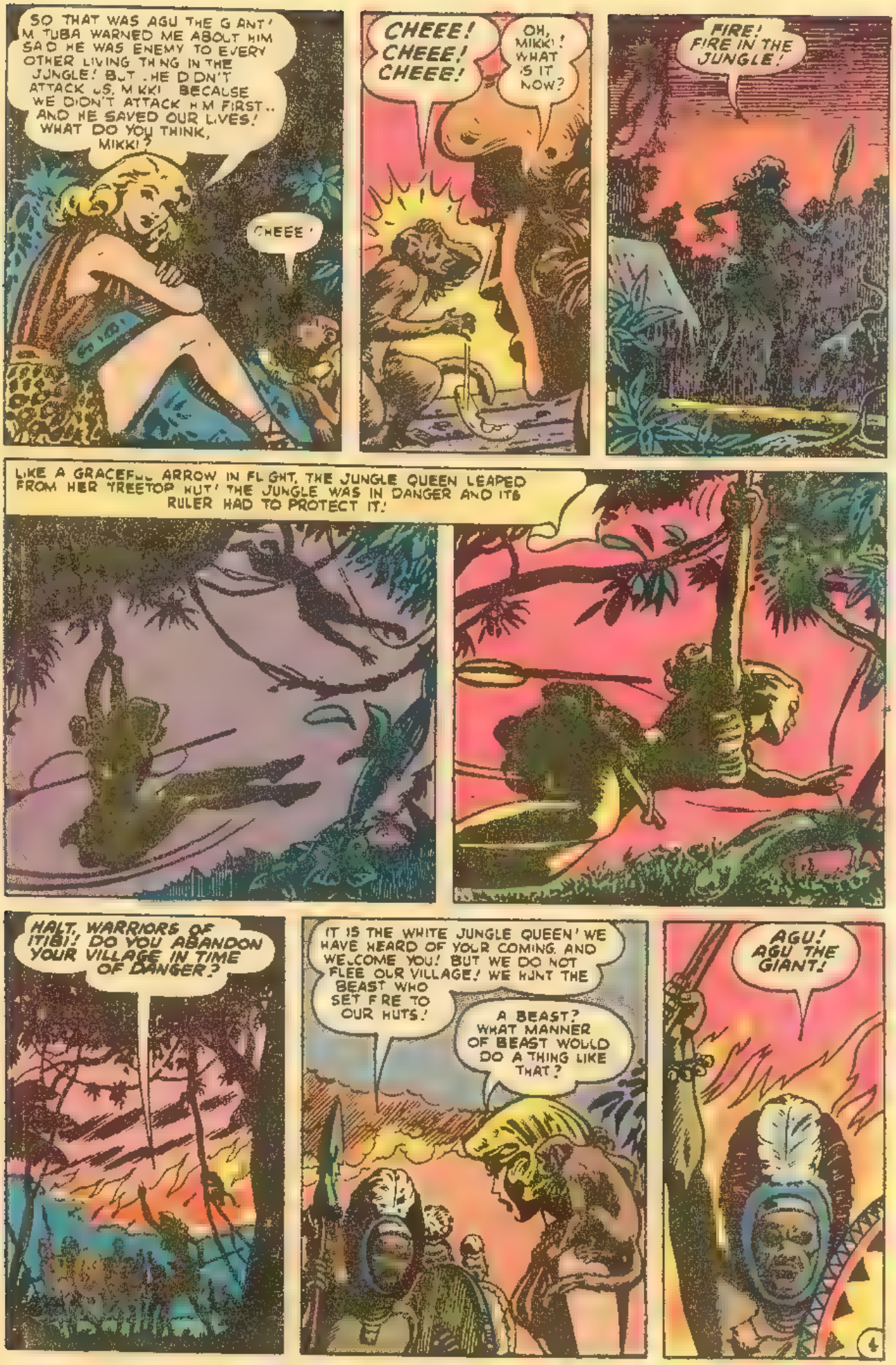
SO THAT WAS AGU THE GIANT! M TUBA WARNED ME ABOUT HIM SAID HE WAS ENEMY TO EVERY OTHER LIVING THING IN THE JUNGLE! BUT HE DON'T ATTACK US, MIKKI BECAUSE WE DIDN'T ATTACK HIM FIRST.. AND HE SAVED OUR LIVES! WHAT DO YOU THINK, MIKKI?
CHEEE!
CHEEE! CHEEE!
OH, MIKKI! WHAT IS IT NOW?
FIRE! FIRE IN THE JUNGLE!
LIKE A GRACEFUL ARROW IN FLIGHT, THE JUNGLE QUEEN LEAPED FROM HER TREETOP HUT! THE JUNGLE WAS IN DANGER AND ITS RULER HAD TO PROTECT IT!
HALT, WARRIORS OF ITIBI! DO YOU ABANDON YOUR VILLAGE IN TIME OF DANGER?
IT IS THE WHITE JUNGLE QUEEN! WE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR COMING, AND WELCOME YOU! BUT WE DO NOT FLEE OUR VILLAGE! WE HUNT THE BEAST WHO SET FIRE TO OUR HUTS!
A BEAST? WHAT MANNER OF BEAST WOULD DO A THING LIKE THAT?
AGU! AGU THE GIANT!
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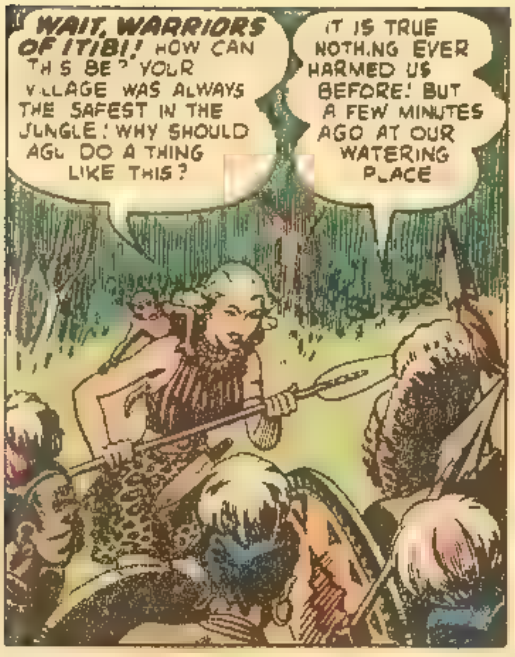
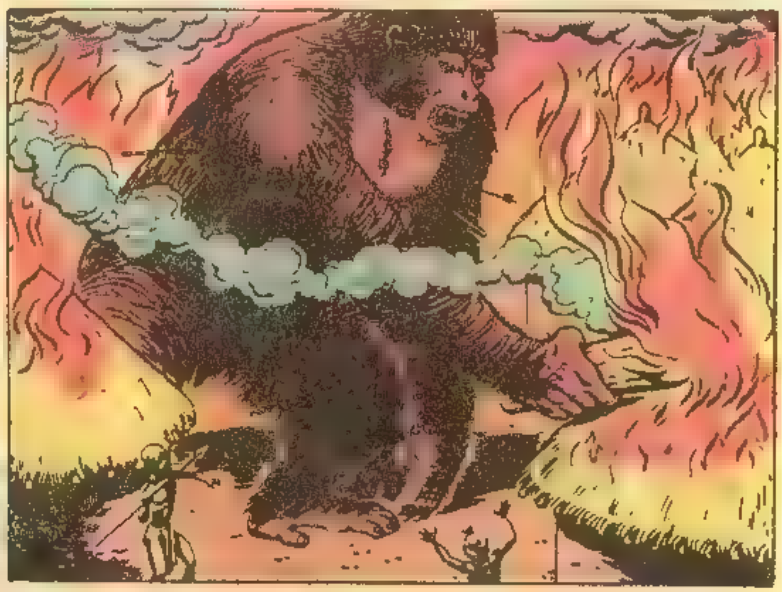

WAIT, WARRIORS OF ITIBI! HOW CAN THIS BE? YOUR VILLAGE WAS ALWAYS THE SAFEST IN THE JUNGLE! WHY SHOULD AGU DO A THING LIKE THIS?
IT IS TRUE NOTHING EVER HARMED US BEFORE! BUT A FEW MINUTES AGO AT OUR WATERING PLACE

"THEY SCREAMED IN TERROR AND RAN FROM THE PLACE AS AGU PLUNGED INTO THE WATER TO DRINK HIS FILL!"

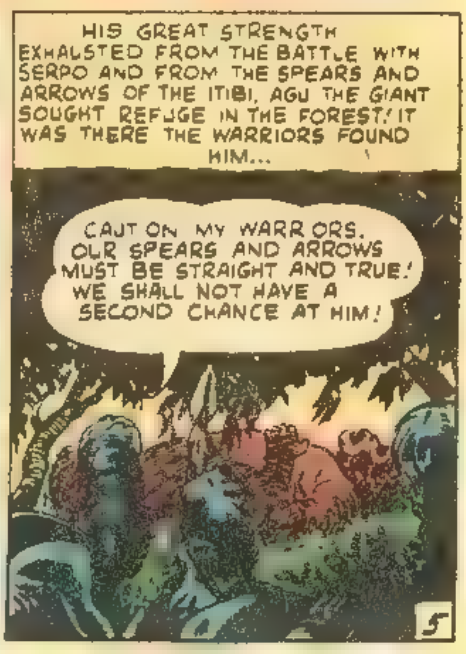
"WE, THE WARRIORS CAME RUNNING AND THREW OUR SPEARS AT HIM!"

"BUT OUR SPEARS DID NO DAMAGE HE PLUNGED PAST US SWEPT UP A BURNING BRANCH AND SET FIRE TO OUR HUTS!"



THEN HE ESCAPED INTO THE JUNGLE. BUT NOW OUR SPEARS AND ARROWS ARE POISONED! NOW WE WILL KILL THE GIANT!
WAIT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? HE ATTACKED YOU BECAUSE YOU STRUCK FIRST! HE ONLY WANTED WATER!

COME MIKKI! THEY WON'T LISTEN. WE MUST TRY TO SAVE AGU! THEY DON'T KNOW THAT HE IS THE ONE WHO PROTECTED THEIR VILLAGE AND NOW THEY SEEK TO KILL HIM


HIS GREAT STRENGTH EXHAUSTED FROM THE BATTLE WITH SERPO AND FROM THE SPEARS AND ARROWS OF THE ITIBI, AGU THE GIANT SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE FOREST. IT WAS THERE THE WARRIORS FOUND HIM...
CAUTION MY WARRIORS. OUR SPEARS AND ARROWS MUST BE STRAIGHT AND TRUE! WE SHALL NOT HAVE A SECOND CHANCE AT HIM!
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I SHALL BE THE FIRST!
JUNGLE QUEEN, YOU ARE BRAVE, BUT A FOOL! NOW YOU SHALL KNOW THE SAVAGERY OF AGU THE GIANT!
WE SHALL SEE, BOLU! I SHALL PROVE THAT AGU IS A FRIEND, AND NOT AN ENEMY! IF I AM RIGHT, HE LIVES! IF I AM WRONG, WE BOTH DIE!
COME BACK! COME BACK! HE IS DANGEROUS!
IF YOU SHOOT AT HIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST!
THE JUNGLE WAS STILL AND THE WARRIORS STARED IN AWE-STRUCK WONDER AS THE JUNGLE QUEEN FACED THE SAVAGE AGU!
LOOK OUT! HE'LL CRUSH YOU! RUN, JUNGLE QUEEN! RUN!
CHEEE! CHEEEE! CHEEEE!
TENDERLY, THE GREAT APE LIFTED THE JUNGLE QUEEN IN HIS HUGE HAND...
NO! DON'T SHOOT! IF SHE FALLS, SHE DIES!
...AND GENTLY PLACED HER ON HER TREE!
FAREWELL, MY FRIEND! YOU SAVED MY LIFE...NOW I SAVED YOURS! MAY YOU ALWAYS WALK IN THE WAYS OF PEACE HERE IN OUR JUNGLE!
THE END
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her, she heard the Blaggers shout as they saw her begin to escape.

A shot was fired, followed by several more. She turned her head just as she reached the welcome cover of the jungle and saw her father down on one knee with two of the Blaggers converging on him from either side. A third criminal lay dead further down the beach.

When Sue saw her father crumple forward on his face and both murderous thieves leap toward him in triumph, she turned and ran sobbing madly into the brush.

"Dad!" she wailed. "Oh, dad, *dad!*"

Footsteps behind her brought a sudden realization of her own danger. She looked about wildly for a place to hide.

Up there! A little hill loomed ahead in the tiny island. And halfway up the hill she could see the mouth of an almost invisible cave. She could hide there until morning, until the company investigators arrived and saved her and the pearls.

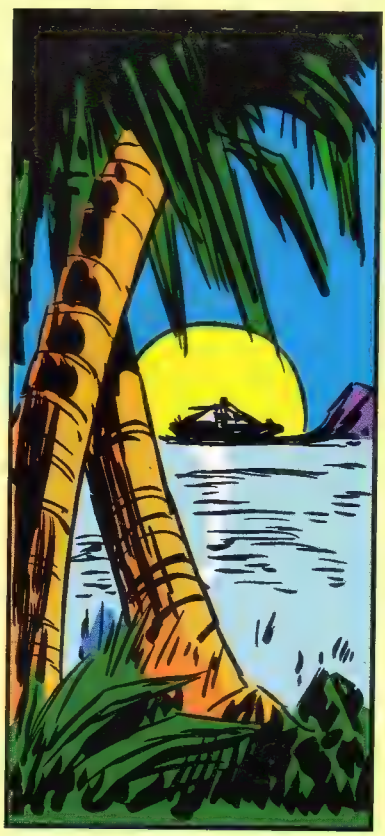
Clutching the pouch tightly, she started to climb. The footsteps behind her sounded a bit more distant, then they came closer again.

Sue saw a fallen tree. Quickly, she slipped under its side and buried her face in a pile of yellowed creepers.

Above her she heard the footsteps pause in evident surprise at her own sudden lack of noise, then go on past her very slowly. After a few moments, she raised her head, prepared to make a run for it, when she heard another see of footsteps approaching. Again she shrank under the round edge of the log, and again her pursuer went by without noticing her.

"Till morning," she whispered to herself as she rose and slipped off in the direction of the cave. "Just till morning!"

But as she reached the friendly protection of the cave, Sue



heard footsteps again! Gratefully, she shrank into the darkness of the entrance and huddled against a wall.

The footsteps came on and stopped right outside the cave! Then the man began walking inside. She almost bored a hole in the rock wall, meanwhile holding tightly on to the precious pearls!

The man walked right past her and on into the depths of the cave. She intended to slip right out of the entarnce, when, again, a second set of feet became audible.

A light shone in her face and a rough voice said at the other end of the flashlight: "So that's where you are, girlie! Well, this is the end!"

She heard him cock his pistol and waited for the bark of the weapon that would mean her doom.

Instead there were two rapid shots from inside the cave and the desperado before her collapsed downward clutching his chest!

"Sue!" she heard her father's voice as he ran back to the entrance. "Sue, are you all right?"

"Yes, I'm all right, dad," she told him, half hysterically. "But I saw them kill you on the beach—"

"An old Indian trick," he said as he reached her and took her in his arms. "I played dead and managed to get the second of the Blaggers that way. I wounded the third one who managed to get into the woods after you. All I could do was try to find you first! You see, darling, I couldn't call out, because that would have given this fellow here a perfect idea of my whereabouts. I had to let you think I was dead and *two* members of the Blaggers gang were chasing you! It was the only way to save both of us!"

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THE MAGIC OF M'TUBA!

GATHER AROUND, CHILDREN OF THE JUNGLE, AND LISTEN TO A TALE SPUN AROUND THE TRIBAL FIRES... A TALE OF DANGER, HATRED, GREED, AND... THE MAGIC OF M'TUBA!
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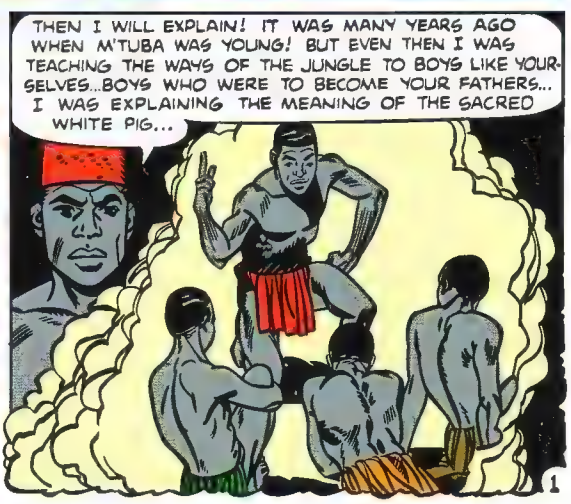
THE WAYS AND CUSTOMS OF OUR JUNGLE ARE STRANGE...AND YET SIMPLE! THE JUNGLE IS FILLED WITH ENEMIES... AND FRIENDS! THE ENEMIES ARE THOSE WE HATE AND DISTRUST...THE FRIENDS ARE THOSE WE LOVE AND RESPECT! BUT THE GREATEST FRIEND IS UNDERSTANDING AND THE GREATEST ENEMY IS GREED!
WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND, OH WISE M'TUBA!


THEN I WILL EXPLAIN! IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO WHEN M'TUBA WAS YOUNG! BUT EVEN THEN I WAS TEACHING THE WAYS OF THE JUNGLE TO BOYS LIKE YOURSELVES...BOYS WHO WERE TO BECOME YOUR FATHERS... I WAS EXPLAINING THE MEANING OF THE SACRED WHITE PIG...

"BUT, LISTENING AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE WAS KUBALI, THE OUTCAST WHO HAD BEEN CONDEMNED TO LEAVE OUR TRIBE FOREVER..."
...WE KEEP THE SACRED WHITE PIG AS A TOKEN OF PEACE AND PLENTY! IT IS UNTOUCHABLE... ALLOWED TO ROAM FREELY WITHIN OUR VILLAGE! WHOEVER HARMS IT...WHOEVER KILLS IT...ANGERS OUR GODS!
MANY MOONS AGO, AS YOU KNOW, ONE SUCH PERSON DID KILL THE SIRE OF OUR PRESENT SACRED PIG! THAT PERSON WAS... KUBALI, THE OUTCAST! HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN OUR WAYS ...AND WAS HUNGRY! HE KILLED THE PIG... AND HAS BEEN EXILED TO THE JUNGLE! WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS OR WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM...BUT HE CAN NEVER RETURN TO OUR VILLAGE!
SUCH IS OUR LAW...AS MADE BY THE FOREFATHERS OF M'TUBA AND CARRIED ON BY HIM IN THEIR NAME! ONLY HE CAN CHANGE IT IF HE WISHES!
IT CAN NEVER BE CHANGED, O'CHIEF! IT IS OUR LAW!
"THE BOYS WENT TO SLEEP.. AND THE VILLAGE WAS QUIET! I WAS ALONE, LOST IN MY THOUGHTS UNDER THE LIGHT OF THE MOON!"
SILENCE, M'TUBA...OR THIS STEEL THAT YOU FEEL AT YOUR BACK SHALL ENTER IT AND YOU DIE WHERE YOU STAND!
"KUBALI WAS STRONG AND HIS KNIFE WAS SHARP! I COULD ONLY OBEY AS HE FORCED ME AHEAD INTO THE JUNGLE..."
SO YOU STILL LIVE, KUBALI, THE OUTCAST!
OUTCAST NO LONGER... AFTER I FINISH WHAT I HAVE TO DO! YOU SHALL CHANGE ALL THAT, M'TUBA!
YOU ARE THE LAW, M'TUBA...YOU MAKE IT AND YOU CHANGE IT! AND HERE IS HOW YOU ARE TO CHANGE IT! YOU SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE TRIBE...AND TELL THEM THAT THE KILLING OF THE WHITE PIG IS NO LONGER A SIN AND THAT I AM TO BE RETURNED TO THE TRIBE! THEN, M'TUBA, YOU SHALL SAY THAT, TO SHOW THAT THIS IS A TRUE WORD OF THE GODS, GIVEN THROUGH YOUR LIPS.. YOU SHALL VANISH FOREVER! UNDERSTAND, M'TUBA? FOREVER! I SHALL BE BEHIND YOU WHILE YOU SPEAK...AND SO SHALL MY KNIFE!
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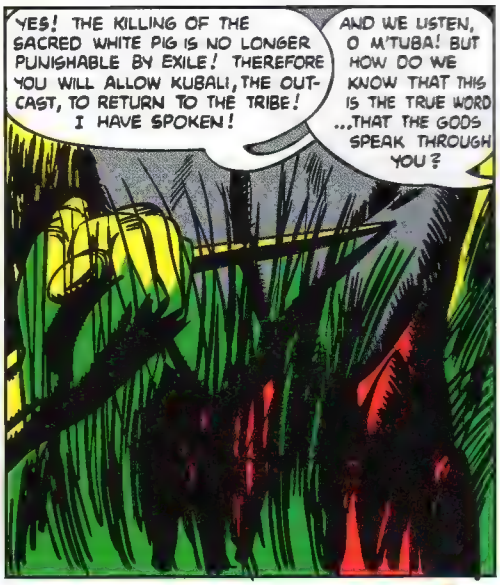
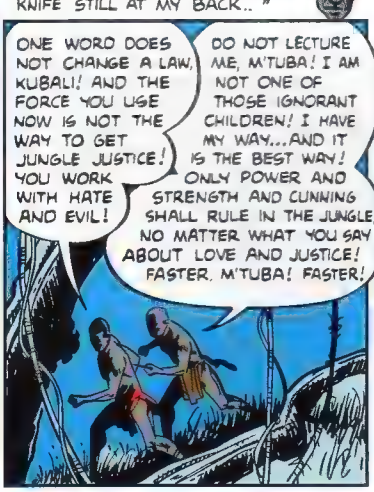
"THERE WAS NO WAY TO FIGHT KUBALI! HE HAD ME AT HIS MERCY! HOWEVER, I KNEW ONE THING...THAT THE JUNGLE HAD ITS OWN WAY OF DEALING WITH CREATURES...AND I HAD TO WAIT FOR IT TO ACT! MEANWHILE, WITH KUBALI'S KNIFE AT MY BACK, I APPEARED AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE AT DAWN..."


YES! THE KILLING OF THE SACRED WHITE PIG IS NO LONGER PUNISHABLE BY EXILE! THEREFORE YOU WILL ALLOW KUBALI, THE OUTCAST, TO RETURN TO THE TRIBE! I HAVE SPOKEN!
AND WE LISTEN, O M'TUBA! BUT HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THIS IS THE TRUE WORD ...THAT THE GODS SPEAK THROUGH YOU?

"WHILE THE TRIBESMEN WATCHED IN AMAZEMENT, I WITHDREW INTO THE JUNGLE WITH KUBALI'S KNIFE STILL AT MY BACK.. "


ONE WORD DOES NOT CHANGE A LAW, KUBALI! AND THE FORCE YOU USE NOW IS NOT THE WAY TO GET JUNGLE JUSTICE! YOU WORK WITH HATE AND EVIL!
DO NOT LECTURE ME, M'TUBA! I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE IGNORANT CHILDREN! I HAVE MY WAY...AND IT IS THE BEST WAY! ONLY POWER AND STRENGTH AND CUNNING SHALL RULE IN THE JUNGLE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT LOVE AND JUSTICE! FASTER, M'TUBA! FASTER!

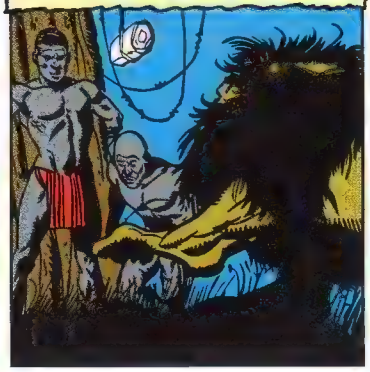
"HE TOOK ME TO A PLACE HE HAD PREPARED BEFOREHAND! IT WAS A CLEARING IN THE JUNGLE! THERE HE TIED ME...AND TOOK OUT A HUGE PIECE OF MEAT HIDDEN IN A TREE!

YOU MUST DIE, M'TUBA...SO THAT YOU CAN NEVER REVEAL THE TRUTH...BUT I SHALL NOT KILL YOU! NO...*THAT* SHALL BE LEFT TO YOUR BELOVED BEASTS OF THE JUNGLE!

DO YOU BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND, M'TUBA? THIS MEAT WILL DRAW ONE OF THE BEASTS...AND HE SHALL SEE *YOU*...A HEARTIER MORSEL FOR A HUNGRY ANIMAL! HE SHALL DO MY WORK FOR ME! WHICH OF YOUR WILD FRIENDS SHALL IT BE, M'TUBA? SAKI, THE LEOPARD? NUMA, THE LION? TAKE YOUR PICK! CHOOSE YOUR KILLER!

"NEITHER OF US SAID A WORD! THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR HUMAN SPEECH! THERE WAS ANOTHER LANGUAGE BEING SPOKEN...THE SILENT, TERRIBLE LANGUAGE OF THE JUNGLE AS NUMA, FANGS BARED, EYES GLOWING, STALKED TOWARD US!"

"WE WERE NOW JUST THREE CHILDREN OF THE JUNGLE... EACH FIGHTING IN THE BATTLE OF THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST! I HAD HUNTED NUMA MANY TIMES AND HE HAD HUNTED ME...BUT WE HAD BOTH BEEN HONORABLE HUNTERS WHO RESPECTED EACH OTHER! I DID NOT HATE OR FEAR HIM..."



"I FACED DEATH...BUT I HAD FACED IT MANY TIMES BEFORE! I ALWAYS KNEW THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD DIE LIKE THIS! BUT KUBALI...FEAR WAS ALL OVER HIM! SLOWLY HE MOVED TOWARD THE BRUSH..."

"FEAR MADE KUBALI FAST... BUT NUMA WAS FASTER..."

"THERE WAS NO SOUND FROM KUBALI'S LIPS AS THE LION POUNCED ON HIM AND HELD HIM DOWN!"

"THEN, WITH ONE HUGE PAW HOLDING KUBALI PRISONER, NUMA BEGAN HIS MEAL OF THE MEAT!"

"HE WAS FINISHED QUICKLY...AND TURNED TO THE OUTCAST! IT WAS THEN I FOUND MY VOICE..."

"THE JUNGLE BEAST CAN SENSE TREACHERY...AS WELL AS FRIENDSHIP! AT THE SOUND OF MY VOICE HE STOPPED!"

"LIKE A HUGE, HUMBLE CAT, NUMA OBEYED...KUBALI ROSE TO HIS FEET..."

NOW THAT YOUR LIFE IS SPARED... UNTIE ME, KUBALI!
DO YOU THINK ME A FOOL? WHEN NUMA HUNGERS AGAIN, HE WILL KILL YOU!
"THE NEXT FEW SECONDS WERE HAVOC! KUBALI LEAPED INTO THE BRUSH, BUT, WITH AN EAR-SPLITTING ROAR, NUMA LEAPED AFTER HIM!"
ROOOAARRAGH!
"I COULD SEE NO MORE! BOTH HAD VANISHED INTO THE BRUSH...BUT I COULD HEAR THE TERRIBLE, AWFUL SCREAMS OF KUBALI, THE OUTCAST!"
NO! NO! AAAEEEEH!
"THEN...ALL WAS SILENCE! ALONE, QUIETLY, NUMA CAME OUT TO ME..."
"WITH ONE LASH OF HIS TEETH HE RIPPED THE ROPE THAT BOUND ME..."
"THEN HE STALKED OFF INTO THE JUNGLE FROM WHERE HE CAME!"
FAREWELL, NUMA!
AND SO IT ENDED! WHEN I RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE AND TOLD MY STORY, THE MEN SAID THAT I HAD WORKED MAGIC! BUT THERE WAS NO MAGIC! THERE IS ONLY UNDERSTANDING OF THE BEASTS OF THE JUNGLE...AND RESPECT FOR THEM! THEY CANNOT BE USED FOR VENGEANCE AND HATRED!
REMEMBER THAT, MY CHILDREN... AND REMEMBER THAT THE JUNGLE IS THE HOME OF THE WILD THINGS...AS WELL AS OURS!
THE END

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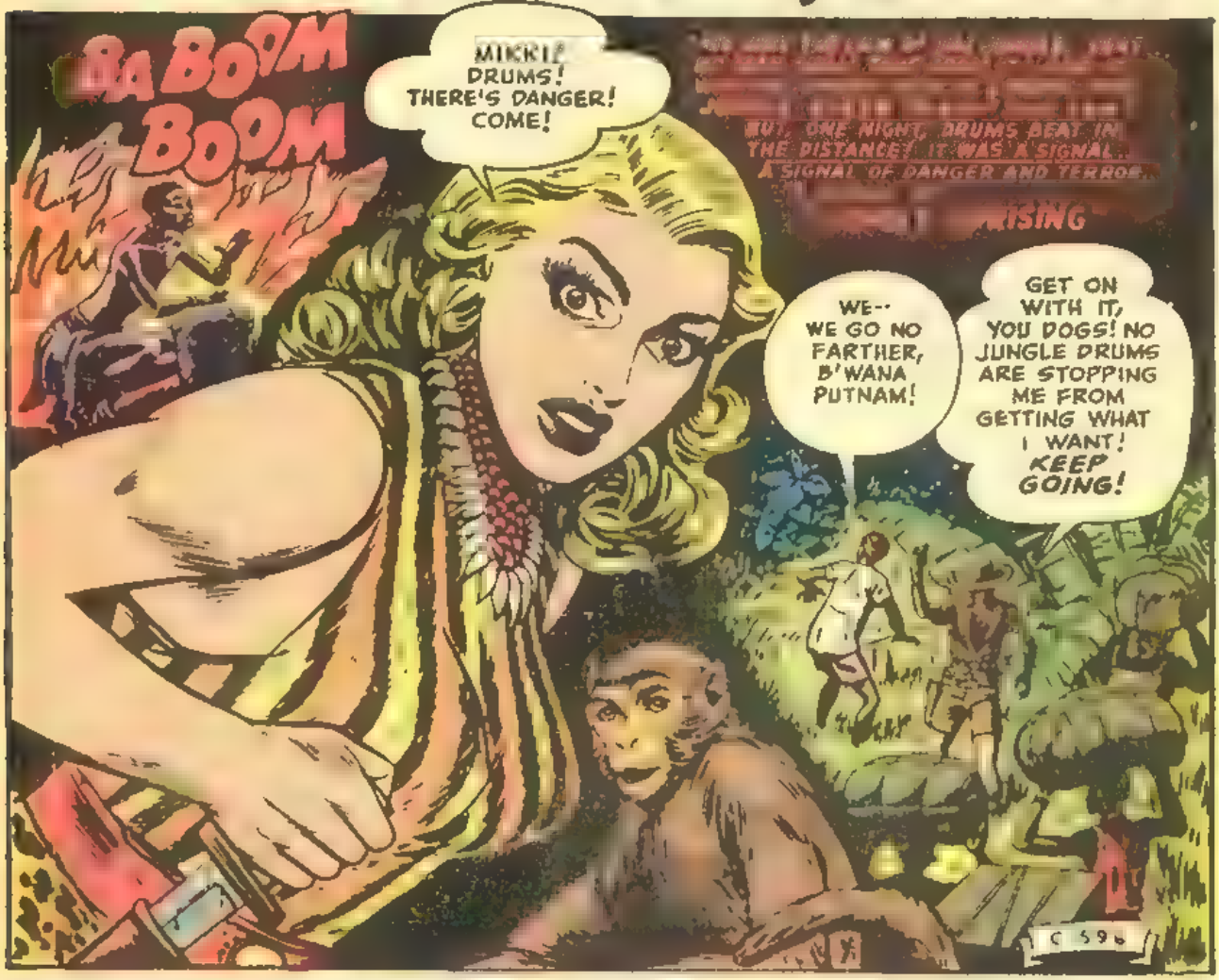
LORNA THE JUNGLE QUEEN


BA BOOM BOOM
MIKRI! DRUMS! THERE'S DANGER! COME!
...ONE NIGHT, DRUMS BEAT IN THE DISTANCE! IT WAS A SIGNAL... A SIGNAL OF DANGER AND TERROR...
...ISING
WE-- WE GO NO FARTHER, B'WANA PUTNAM!
GET ON WITH IT, YOU DOGS! NO JUNGLE DRUMS ARE STOPPING ME FROM GETTING WHAT I WANT! KEEP GOING!
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KEEP GOING, DO YOU HEAR? I'VE COME TOO LONG A WAY TO TURN BACK NOW! IT'S BEEN MANY YEARS AND THOUSANDS OF MILES! BESIDES, THE DRUM HAS STOPPED! GO ON!
DRUM STOPS NOW... BUT WILL BEGIN AGAIN! IT IS THE VOICE OF THE JUNGLE... TELLING US TO GO BACK... GO BACK!

IT'S NO SUCH THING! IT'S ONLY A FOOL NATIVE POUNDING ON A PIECE OF STRETCHED SKIN! GO ON, OR I—
WE GO ON, B'WANA PUTNAM. BUT IT IS NO GOOD NO GOOD!

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WHAT? YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU DISCOVERED THE MOST FABULOUS DIAMOND MINE IN THE WORLD... AND ABANDONED IT... LEFT IT... AND RETURNED TO ENGLAND WITHOUT A SINGLE STONE?
IT'S--IT'S BETTER THAT WAY, PUTNAM, BELIEVE ME! THE JUNGLE... IT KEEPS ITS OWN... WE HAVE NO PLACE THERE!
BUT THE MAP THAT LED YOU THERE... YOU STILL HAVE IT, I SEE!
BUT NOT FOR LONG! I'M GOING TO BURN IT! I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO UNDERGO WHAT I DID! IT'S HORRIBLE! IT'S...
IT'S ALL MINE, YOU MEAN!
NO! DON'T! YOU'RE A FOOL! YOU DON'T KNOW! OHHHH!
BLAM
SO I HAD TO KILL HIM! I'M MUCH STRONGER THAN BAILEY EVER WAS! I DON'T CARE WHAT FRIGHTENED HIM OFF WHEN HE WAS HERE... BUT I'LL FIND THE MINE BEFORE THE POLICE CATCH UP WITH ME, AND THEN...
B'WANA! B'WANA-- IN TREES-- LORNA!
LORNA? WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
A GIRL!
WAIT! GO NO FARTHER!
STRANGER-IN-THE-JUNGLE, YOU GO TOO FAR! UKAKILAND IS FORBIDDEN TO ALL OUTSIDERS! YOUR BEARERS KNOW THIS! TURN BACK!
SOMEONE ELSE TRYING TO STOP ME, EH? IT WON'T WORK! HOWEVER, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU WITH ME!
I GO WHERE I PLEASE... AND IT'S NOT WITH YOU! I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT AWAITS YOU..
SHUT UP! DIAMONDS WAIT FOR ME, THAT'S WHAT! ALAG! TIE HER UP!
I--I CANNOT TIE UP THE JUNGLE QUEEN!
VERY WELL! OKU, YOU TIE HER UP!
Y-YES, B'WANA!
YOU DO NOT LISTEN! YOU ARE A FOOL!
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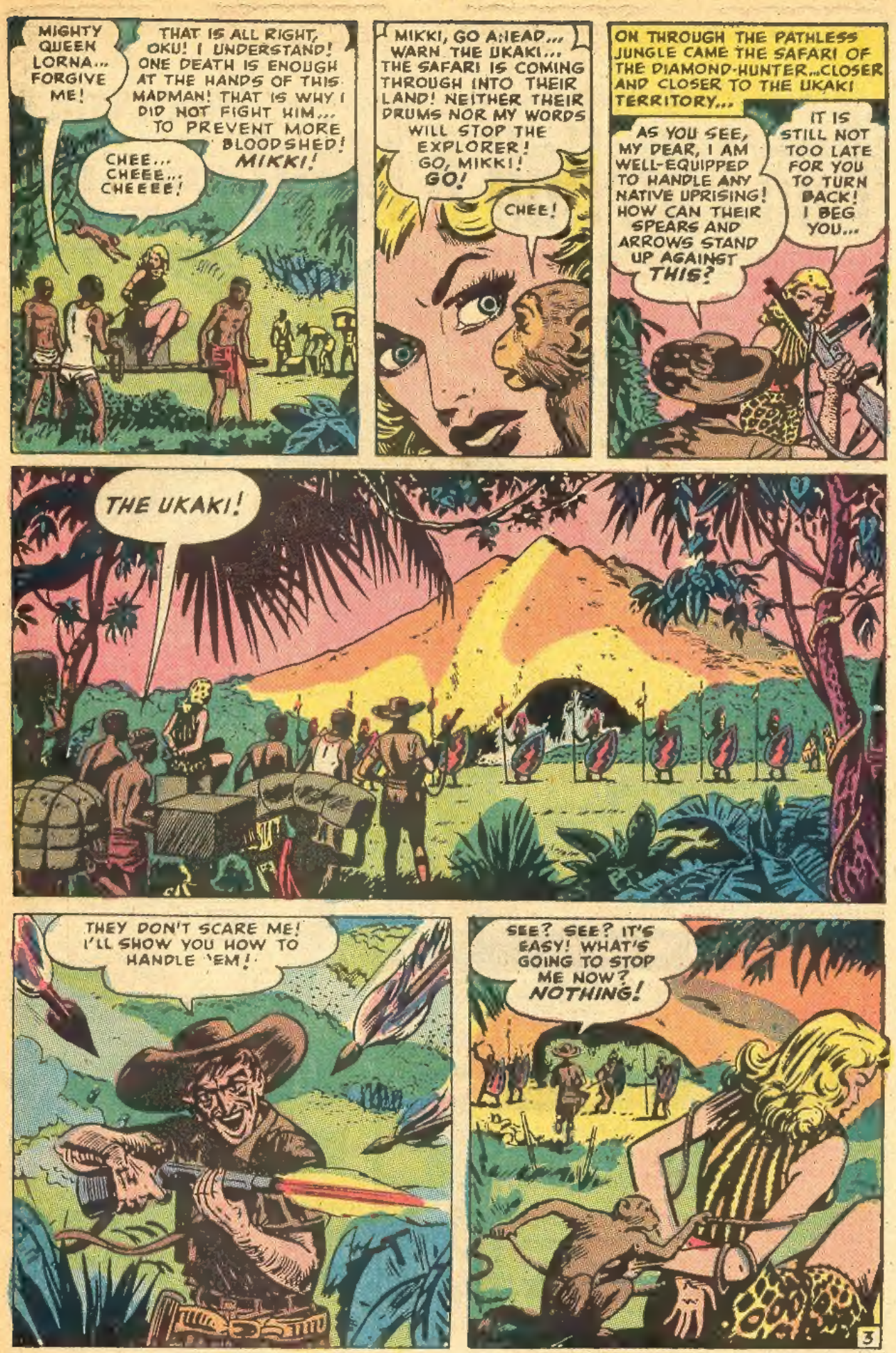
MIGHTY QUEEN LORNA... FORGIVE ME!
THAT IS ALL RIGHT, OKU! I UNDERSTAND! ONE DEATH IS ENOUGH AT THE HANDS OF THIS MADMAN! THAT IS WHY I DID NOT FIGHT HIM... TO PREVENT MORE BLOODSHED! MIKKI!
CHEE... CHEEE... CHEEEE!
MIKKI, GO AHEAD... WARN THE UKAKI... THE SAFARI IS COMING THROUGH INTO THEIR LAND! NEITHER THEIR DRUMS NOR MY WORDS WILL STOP THE EXPLORER! GO, MIKKI! GO!
CHEE!
ON THROUGH THE PATHLESS JUNGLE CAME THE SAFARI OF THE DIAMOND-HUNTER...CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE UKAKI TERRITORY...
AS YOU SEE, MY DEAR, I AM WELL-EQUIPPED TO HANDLE ANY NATIVE UPRISING! HOW CAN THEIR SPEARS AND ARROWS STAND UP AGAINST THIS?
IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO TURN BACK! I BEG YOU...
THE UKAKI!
THEY DON'T SCARE ME! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO HANDLE 'EM!
SEE? SEE? IT'S EASY! WHAT'S GOING TO STOP ME NOW? NOTHING!
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STOP HIM, O QUEEN! WE DO NOT CARE FOR HIM...BUT HE MAY HURT...IT!
I KNOW! HE IS MAD WITH GREED, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST! LET THE DRUMS BEAT WHEN I GIVE THE WORD! AWAKEN THE GOD OF THE CAVE!
THIS--THIS IS IT! EXACTLY AS IT IS ON THE MAP! I'VE FOUND IT! I'VE FOUND IT! ONLY A FEW STEPS MORE!
LISTEN TO ME! THAT CAVE HOLDS DIAMONDS...BUT THEY ARE FOR THE GOD OF THE UKAKI! THE GOD NEEDS THE DIAMONDS TO FEED ON! STOP!
DIAMONDS?... FOR A STONE IMAGE? YOU'VE BECOME AS STUPID AS THESE SAVAGES! OUT OF MY WAY!
YOU ASKED FOR THIS! BEAT THE DRUMS!
BOOM! BABABABOOM!
BAH! THEIR DRUMS WON'T STOP ME!
WAIT! WAIT!
BOOM! BOOM
IT'S EXACTLY AS THE MAP STATED! HERE ARE THE REMAINS OF THE OLD MINE! RIGHT HERE...RIGHT BEHIND THEM, SHOULD BE...
BOOM! BABABABOOM!
...THE DIAMONDS! A FORTUNE! I'VE FOUND THEM! I'VE FOUND THEM!
GET OUT! LOOK! CAN'T YOU SEE IT?
BOOM! BABABAR BOOOOO
ALL I SEE IS-- THIS!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE! YOU WON'T LOOK... AND YOU WON'T LISTEN!
CHEEE! CHEEEEE!!
BOOM
BOOROO RUOO BOOM
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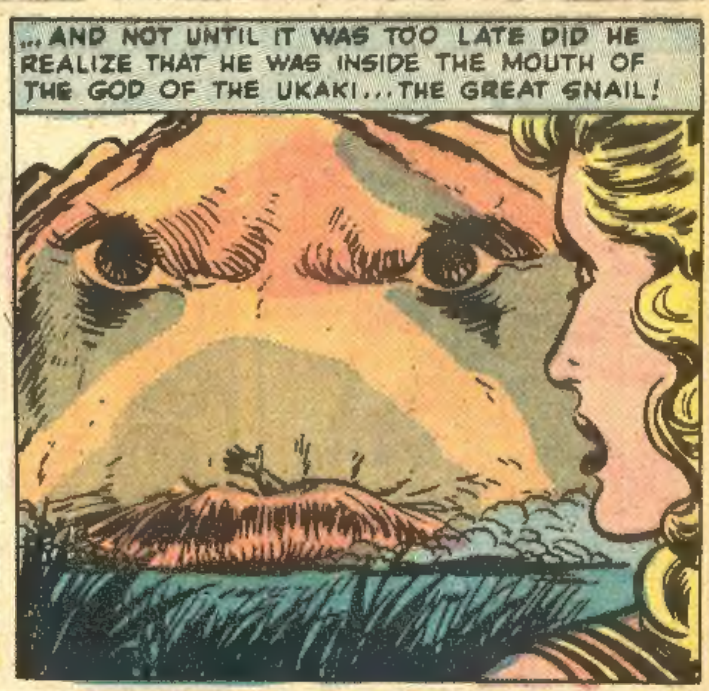
BOOOOM!
GO AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE WITH MY DIAMONDS! I TOLD YOU THAT NOTHING WILL KEEP ME FROM THEM! LEAVE ME! LEAVE ME!

LET US GO, MIKKI! THE WAYS OF THE JUNGLE ARE NOT AS STRANGE AS THOSE OF SOME CIVILIZED MEN! NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM NOW!
CHEEE!
BOOOOM!

ENGROSSED IN HIS DISCOVERY PUTNAM DID NOT NOTICE IT WAS GETTING DARKER AND DARKER...


...AND NOT UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE DID HE REALIZE THAT HE WAS INSIDE THE MOUTH OF THE GOD OF THE UKAKI...THE GREAT SNAIL!

SO...IT HAPPENS... AGAIN!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
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THERE WAS ANOTHER WHO CAME! HE, TOO, SOUGHT THE WEALTH OF THE UKAKI! HE, TOO, CAME THIS FAR ... BUT HE LISTENED TO THE SOUND OF WARNING...LISTENED TO THE JEALOUS GRUMBLE OF THE GODS OF THE JUNGLE! HE TOOK HEED... AND ESCAPED JUST IN TIME! THIS ONE DID NOT...AND NOW HE LIES DEAD WITH THE DIAMONDS HE KILLED FOR! IT IS THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE THAT NO MAN SHALL TAKE FROM IT THE THINGS THAT BELONG TO IT!

SOMETHING ELSE PUTNAM DIDN'T KNOW, MIKKI...UKAKI MEANS...THE PEOPLE OF THE SNAIL! COME...THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO HERE!
CHEEE!
THE END

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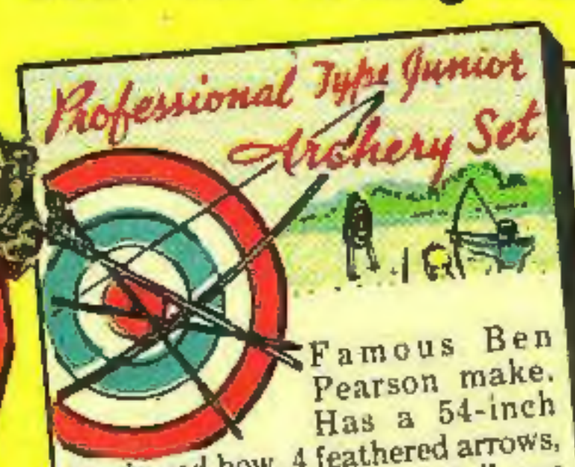

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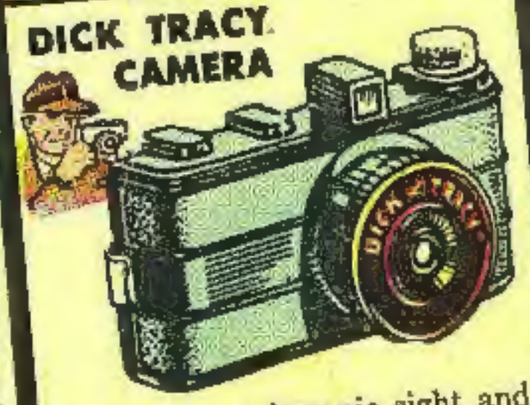

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